

Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act Commission

Minutes of November 7, 2005 Meeting

Rm 305, Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Members Present

Interest Represented

House of Representatives
NH DES
NH Lakes Association
NH Farm Bureau Federation
NH Rivers Council
NH Timberland Owners
Landscaping Consultant
NH Conservation Commissions
NH Marine Trades Association
NH Attorney General
NH Wildlife Federation
NH Waterworks Association
NH Natural Resource Scientists

Representative

David Currier
Rene Pelletier (designee)
William Smith PhD
John McPhail
Kathryn Nelson
Tom Hahn
George Pellettieri
Diane Hanley
Paul Goodwin
Jennifer Patterson (designee)
James Kennedy
Stephen Del Deo
Cindy Balcius

Members absent

Senate
Senate
House of Representatives
Office of Energy and Planning
Regional Planning Commissions
At large waterfront owner
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NH Home Builders and Remodelers
UNH (estuary experience required)
NH Association of Realtors
NH Municipal Association

Carl Johnson
John Gallus
Michael Whalley
Benjamin Frost (designee)
Robert Snelling
Eric Herr
Michele Grennon
Joe Landers
Jeff Schloss
Tom Howard
Carol Granfield

Others in Attendance

Representing

Staff

Name

D. Forst

10: 10 am

Meeting was opened by Chairman Currier.

Rep. Currier explained that the meeting would begin with the presentation of the final case study remaining to be discussed from the October meeting. Afterward there would be a presentation on the value and effectiveness of vegetated buffers.

Ms. Forst led explained the remaining case study to the commission. The last Case study illustrated the effect that the various exemptions allowed for tree cutting could have on the woodland buffer.

Ms Nelson stated that she believed that the intent of the CSPA was clearly stated and that DES should be able to enforce the intent of the CSPA and require replanting on sites where the exemptions resulted in excessive amounts of clearing.

Ms. Forst explained that intent was a vague concept and that DES could only enforce requirements when they were clearly stated. If there was no specific requirement then DES could not make a case for enforcement.

Ms. Forst asked Ms. Balcius to introduce the next speaker at approximately 10:50.

Ms. Balcius introduced Tracy Tarr of NH Soil Consultants.

Ms. Tarr spoke on the value and effectiveness of various types of vegetated buffers with regards to both water quality and wildlife habitat.

11:55 Meeting adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2005